



California Fair Political Practices Commission

September 7, 1988

Leslie Ann Carpentiers
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450 San Rafael Avenue
Belvedere, CA 94920

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. 88-350

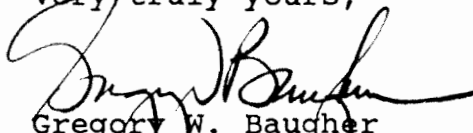
Dear Ms. Carpentiers:

Your letter requesting advice concerning the recently enacted campaign finance reform initiatives (Government Code Section 85100, et seq.) was received on September 6, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact John McLean, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

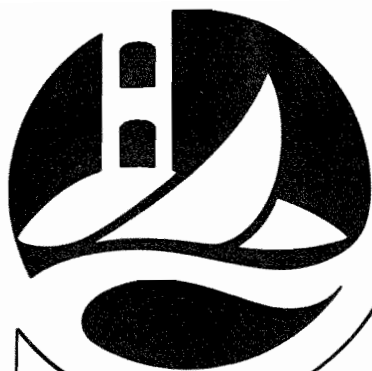
Because of the delayed operative date of most of the provisions of these initiatives, and the numerous inquiries we are receiving relative to implementation, we are attempting to respond to questions regarding interpretation in an organized and efficient fashion. Due to the volume of requests and complexity of the issues involved, we will answer your question in a timely manner, but not within the usual twenty-one working days. (Government Code Section 83114(b).)

If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,


Gregory W. Baugher
Executive Director

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CITY of BELVEDERE

September 1, 1988

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The Fair Political Practices
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Gentlemen:

I would like to request a written opinion regarding the provisions of Proposition 73 as it pertains to the newsletter that the City of Belvedere publishes and mails to every resident of our City at City expense.

A sample copy of the newsletter is enclosed. My questions are these:

1. Is it now unlawful to include in the newsletters articles written by Councilmembers, with their bylines, expressing their opinions on City issues?
2. Is it unlawful to include in the newsletters articles on actions taken by the City Council? Would such articles be unlawful only if they contained the names of specific Councilmembers?
3. Is it unlawful to include in the newsletters photos of City Councilmembers?
4. Is it unlawful to include in the newsletter a list of the names of the City Councilmembers for community reference?

Thank you for providing a written opinion on these questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ann Carpentiers
Deputy City Clerk

LAC/me

Enclosure

Memorandum

To : File

Date : October 28, 1988

From : Fair Political Practices Commission
John McLean

Subject : T-88-350

Spoke today with Leslie Ann Carpentiers, Deputy City Clerk in Belvedere. Informed her about Emergency Regulation 18901 and the permanent regulation which the Commission will hear in December. Specifically informed her that:

1. Newsletters and mass mailings could not include articles written by Councilmembers if the articles listed the councilmembers as authors or contained the name, signature or other reference to an elected officer.
2. Newsletter articles on council actions could not include a name, signature or other reference to an elected officer.
3. Newsletters may not contain photos of elected officers.
4. Newsletters may contain a roster listing of elected officers in which all names appear in the same type size and typeface.



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SUMMER 1988

Goals, Priorities and Assignments

Let's go in this direction

Shortly after the Council election in April, the new City Council met to discuss goals and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year and to determine Council assignments to various governmental committees and to various areas of City operations.

Following several hours of discussion, the City Council decided that the following were of top priority: continued emphasis on improvements to the City storm drain system; exploration of Belvedere's participa-

tion in the fire district consolidation efforts on the Tiburon peninsula; development of a new peninsula-wide emergency plan; improvements to traffic safety; and completion of review of the zoning and design review ordinances.

Other issues included acquisition of open space adjacent to Old St. Hilary's and the need for more recreational opportunities for children and adults.

The following areas of responsi-

bility were assigned to each Councilmember: Administration and Finance, Mayor Boesel; Public Safety, Councilmember Jocelyn; Recreation and Open Space; Vice-Mayor Valentine; Legal and Planning matters, Councilmember Johnson; Public Works, Councilmember Kalish.

The new City Council has taken a very active approach to ensuring that the community continues to receive a high level of services on a cost-efficient basis.

City Manager Prepares New Budget

Dollars and Sense

The City Council is currently considering the budget for the next fiscal year which was prepared by the City Manager. City Manager San Diego reports that the City is in sound financial condition and will enter the new year with enough reserves to cover the cash flow until such time as tax revenues are received by the City later in the year.

Overall, the proposed budget calls for \$2,783,000 in expenditures. Included in this figure are \$1.5 million for operational expenses which include basic services provided by the Police Department,

Public Works, and Fire Protection Districts, as well as the General Administration and Planning and Building Departments. Approximately \$800,00 is proposed for capital improvement projects that will cover almost \$200,000 in street repairs, over \$100,000 for drainage-related projects, \$122,000 for sewer pump station repairs, \$122,000 for open space and public facility projects, and over \$200,000 in sewer capital improvements reserves. The reserves for capital improvements will form a fund to finance the future construction of a new sewer line

below Beach Road.

Rehabilitation of three streets is included in the capital improvements program: Cove Road, Cove Road Place, and all of Belvedere Avenue.

The new budget also calls for the purchase of two new police cars to replace the primary patrol vehicles which now have excessive miles on them.

The Finance Committee, which is comprised of two citizens and two Councilmembers, has reviewed the proposed budget and expressed confidence in the projects and activities it proposes.

Storm Drain Survey



In the next several months, you may see a funny looking van parked on your street with a technician sitting in the back at a control console. What that technician will be doing is video-taping the existing condition of a number of the City's storm drains.

These storm drains collect and carry storm runoff. This is the first step in a comprehensive approach to determine the condition of these storm drains. Considering the potential for property damage that may result whenever a storm drain fails, the City is quite anxious to get this survey done as quickly as possible so that necessary repairs can be undertaken.

If you see the van, don't hesitate to stop and look, and you may see something unlike anything on the networks today.

Knock, Knock, Who's There?

On occasion you may find yourself answering your front door and being met by a person who says, "Hello, I'm from the Ozone Society, and I would like to raise your social consciousness by emptying your pocketbook." If someone comes to your door that you feel uncomfortable about, please call the Police Department and make sure they have clearance to be in your neighborhood. The City cannot keep members of bona fide charities from soliciting door-to-door, but they do need to be registered with the Police Department.

Peddlers who go door-to-door selling items for a profit do need a license but rarely apply for one. If someone comes to your door to sell you something, please call 435-2611 and let the Police Department know so we can be sure they have a permit.

Master Plan Solves Staff Space Problems

City Administrative Offices to be Remodeled

The existing administrative offices in City Hall were designed without benefit of a master plan, and staff has been using space which was originally intended for other purposes. As soon as the Community Center renovation is completed downstairs, the implementation of a new master plan for existing City Hall office space will begin. The new plan will be

much more flexible in nature and can be adapted in the future to meet changing needs.

The upstairs, which used to serve as the Police Department squad room, is being converted to increase storage capacity for City records and to provide a conference room for use by staff and various City committees.

Once the remodeling is completed, you will be able to come in to City Hall and meet with a specific staff person without having to bother other staffers who may be working nearby. It will also provide a much more pleasant working environment for City staffers who spend long hours serving the needs of the community.

Got A Spare Computer?

Do you happen to have a computer sitting around the house just gathering dust? Would you consider donating it to a worthy cause which will put it to good use? If so, the Belvedere/Tiburon Joint Recreation Department is in need of a computer to help keep track of the multitude of programs and activities it offers and the thousands of participants who take advantage of those programs and activities. Please contact City Hall if you have one available and they will be more than happy to see that the Recreation Department puts the modern technological wonder to use.

Find A Hole And Fill It

Whenever the City has undertaken a street rehabilitation project, residents have asked if the contractor would make some small repair to their driveway or sidewalk. Getting a contractor to come into town and do a small project for a private property owner is much more expensive than if he does it as an added job at the end of a large street project.

The City has taken names of private owners who have expressed such interest in the past and passed their names on to the contractor. The contractor normally contacts the property owner, and often they are able to make the necessary

arrangements to have the work done privately. It is understood that the City will not be involved in negotiating or paying for any work done on private property. Please call City Hall if you would like to be added to this list.

Volunteers Honored

In recognition of the valuable role played by volunteers in our community, the City will be honoring them in each newsletter with a "Volunteer Service Award" article that will describe their achievements. If you know some deserving individual who has unselfishly given his or her time to promote the sense of community in Belvedere, please let City Hall know so that they can be considered for future honors.

City of Belvedere

Volunteer Service Award

Gloria Lipschultz *Belvedere's Favorite Hostess*

The warmth of a community is measured by its heart. When a small town makes a visitor feel welcome, or provides a child with happy memories shared with friends and family, you can bet that town has someone living there with the generous spirit of Belvedere's Gloria Lipschultz.

On August 1, 1988 Gloria received an honor reserved just for those Belvedere citizens who quietly and continuously give of their personal time for the benefit of the community, a special volunteer appreciation reward.

This pretty lady with the laughing green eyes loves to see people enjoying community events. To this end, she has often volunteered to plan and/or provide refreshments for town hall meetings, picnics, receptions, Christmas parties, and birthday celebrations.

Gloria likes to give, and she doesn't expect thanks. "If you call Gloria at the last minute and say you are desperate for two dozen cookies for a town meeting, she'll tell you not to worry and she will bake four dozen," swears a friend. She'll even share her recipes.

"She'll do the jobs no one else wants to do," says another admirer. "She'll roll up her sleeves and pitch-in in the kitchen, or blow up all the balloons, make endless phone calls, find a band—and it's all done with such style."

"I adore Belvedere," Gloria says, unabashed. "It's small, tranquil, and beautiful. I don't want it to change." This is a busy, unselfish woman who finds

ways to what needs to be done. She describes herself as "a Depression kid, growing up when everyone helped everyone else."

In the aftermath of the winter storms in 1982,

Gloria was the County-appointed liaison for Belvedere's senior citizens who lost property in the flood. She knew many because of her long-time residency in the community and the friendships she had made with them over the years. "There were a lot of them," she remembers, "who didn't know how to get their heat started again, or who were stranded. People need to help each other."

The honoree has lived on Cove Road with husband Irving for nearly 30 years. They have grown two children, David, who lives in San Francisco, and Joy, who lives in Madrid. They have two teenage grandchildren.

Saying it's "been fun," Gloria has volunteered over the years in the hospitals, the schools, junior theater, and is currently president of the Vine Village Guild which raises funds for a center for retarded young adults.

Perhaps her favorite project was bringing the Red and White Ferry service to our shores. "That was back in the days when a ticket cost 50 cents," she laughs. And, if you sit and rest your weary bones as you wait for the ferry today, remember the bench you are sitting on is only there because of the indefatigable efforts of a woman known as Gloria Lipschultz. That's worth an award in itself, isn't it?

